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IT MUST BE STOPPED!

In fact, the WORLD means to say that it shall be stopped.

Reference is made to the custom of promiscuous shooting which has been indulged in by some of the boys in this city. The practice has become a nuisance. It has become more than a nuisance. It has become a menace to human life. Experience in army life has produced the feeling among thoughtful soldiers that the man who will point a gun which is known to be unloaded at any one, even though the pointer be in the most playful of moods, should be punished just as severely as he who, with malice aforethought, points a loaded weapon at a personal enemy. This proposition will most likely be questioned by people whose minds never have been directed to the subject. However, this feeling of contempt for him who would point a weapon of any kind at another was founded on the best of grounds. First, many men in the army had been killed accidentally in this manner. Second, designing devils, in numerous instances, committed murder, and went scot free because of duping the military authorities into the belief that the weapon was supposed not to be loaded, and that the murderer suffered greatly from remorse for his mistake. These, we will suggest in this connection, are phases of military life which have been ignored by historians; but the impartial history of the future, as far as the broken fragments of truth can be collected, will make some awful revelations.

Now, the sentiment in civil life regarding the proper use of firearms should be as lofty, at least, as that in military life. Army life is, in a marked degree, an abandonment of the idea that life is a precious thing. The soldier is supposed to offer daily and hourly his life as a sacrifice for the good of the agency which employs him. In civil life, the individual is the unit of government. The preservation of human life, as far as civil considerations go, is the first and best thought of people as a body. The use of the gun as a toy should, in view of this theory, be entirely abolished. This conviction, in order to be potential, must seize parents, and be taught by them to the children.

Now, we have come to the place where the action of some Wa-Keeney parents is to be scrutinized. It is a generally accepted fact that, for some time past, several boys in this town have been in the habit of discharging firearms within the city limits. This is a vicious practice. Even if the firearms never happen to be directed at somebody's person or window or valuable property, the most untoward circumstances are likely to transpire to convert this vicious practice into a positive crime. Last Saturday night, between the hours of 9 and 10, in this city, a stray bullet crashed through a window of a residence, and struck the floor within a few inches of the posts at the head of the bed. In that bed lay a woman in a precarious state of health. She was so frightened over the occurrence that sleep that whole night was banished from her. Now, to begin with, nobody had any right, either legal or moral, to be discharging firearms within the city limits in the night, unless to defend his person or property. At this time, the shooting is said to have been kept up in that locality for at least half an hour. The WORLD presumes that thoughtless boys did this shooting. It does not wish to conceive of men acting in so brainless a manner. If boys, who have parents, were conducting that carousal, the parents, rather than the boys, are censurable. If boys, who have not parents, created that *furor*, the State Reform school is where they belong, and there is law to send them there.

We ask the Wa-Keeney city government to do its simple duty toward the preservation of human life by adopting, at its very next meeting, an ordinance striking at the root of this detestable vice.

This promiscuous shooting within the city limits of Wa-Keeney shall be stopped!

A VALUABLE team was stolen from Mr. Waugh, four miles from Alton, Osborne county, the fore part of last week. It had not been recovered when the *Enterprise* went to press last Saturday.

ELLIS county, according to the *Headlight's* reflection, is full of land seekers.

KANSAS PATENTS.

S. A. Haseltine & Bro., patent solicitors, Springfield, Missouri, send the WORLD the following list of patents which were issued to citizens of Kansas during the past week:

E. W. Allen, Seneca, washing-machine.
J. J. Cox, Lawrence, feed-cooking apparatus.

D. H. Good, Canada, conveyer for threshing machines.
T. McCoy, Lawrence, clothes-line fastener.

ALTON, instead of Bull City, in the date line of the *Western Empire*, looks odd. Alton is a prettier name, as far as the sound goes, than Bull City; but we question the propriety of the change in the name of that town. It was named in honor of General Bull, who was the founder of the town. He was at one time a member of the legislature, and was said to be an able man. In the spring of 1879 or 1880, the general was horned to death by an elk which belonged to himself.

THE *Headlight* says that a large number of carcasses lie along Big creek, between Ellis and Hays City. That paper raises a point whose observance in different localities in this county may prove to be necessary. It says: "The township trustees of these townships ought to compel the parties who have hauled these carcasses, and left them in or near the creek, to take them away and bury them."

MR. STYPERSON, of Osborne county, O. C. Morse, from up in that country, tells the *Ellis Headlight*, lost 700 head of calves, besides some other cattle, by a prairie fire which swept down Eagle Tail a few days ago. Mr. Stypherson also lost 700 head of cattle during the winter.

THE *Headlight* glare reveals that, while a prairie fire was raging south of Ellis one day last week, Tom Mills's house was burned; also property to the amount of \$150, which belonged to his mother.

In the prairie fire which raged south of Ellis last week, the *Headlight* says that B. F. Chapman lost a quantity of lumber that he had taken to his claim for building purposes.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Hulaniski, editor of the *Alton Western Empire*, in his deep affliction over the loss of his son Paul by scarlet fever.

ELLIS town has a public hall and skating rink under one new roof.

A Leg Broken.

Last Tuesday morning, Herbert Williams, a brother of Mrs. F. O. Ellsworth, was assisting in branding cattle at Mr. Keraus's place about ten miles southwest of Wa-Keeney. One of Mr. Williams's eyes was bandaged. Just as he leaped a steer, the bandage in some way blew over his other eye. While he was thus blinded, the animal fell on him, with the result of breaking all the bones in one of Mr. Williams's right leg, about midway between the ankle and the knee.

He came to Mr. Ellsworth's place that forenoon—a part of the distance in a lumber wagon and the rest in a buggy. This experience caused great pain. The leg was set about noon. It had swelled so that, in taking his boot off, it had to be split from the top to the toe. When Geo. Ufford heard that it was a new boot, he remarked gravely, "Misfortunes never come singly."

One Swallow Does Not Make a Summer.

THE WA-KEENEY WORLD is doing good work in speaking so freely to western Kansas settlers, advising them to steer clear of "straight farming." Most of our old settlers will not particularly need this advice, but the newcomers are liable to take certain representations as actual and continuous facts, to their detriment financially. "One swallow does not make a summer," nor does one good season make this an exclusive and certain farming country.

—WORLD readers will see a new land and law advertisement in this issue. We refer to that of Messrs. Baker & Shultz. These gentlemen intend to do business on the live-and-let-live principle; and we have no hesitancy in recommending them as worthy the confidence of those desiring services in their line.

—It seems in the neighborhood of the time when that stone pile along Franklin street should be leveled down suitable for travel.

—Quite an addition—20 x 22 feet—to the rear of Dr. Scott's drug building is in process of erection. The addition, we are told, will be occupied by Dr. Jones as an office.

—Ed. Vail, son of Gen. Vail, has been here during the week. Ed. worked in the WORLD office six years ago. He has stuck to the printer's case since then. He claims to have worked in twenty-seven states during this time.

—A few weeks ago, we have been stated by papers up that way, Mr. Van Wiggan, representative of Decatur county in the legislature, gave his wife a drink of water into which a bottle containing strychnine had fallen. The accident was occasioned by the errand being performed in the night, without the aid of a light. Mrs. Van Wiggan was almost killed by the poison, but she recovered, perhaps on account of the large quantity taken. Mr. Van Wiggan used to work for J. W. Wilkin, of this neighborhood, years ago, in Iowa.

ECHOES FROM THE "WORLD" JOB ROOM.

A few days ago a thousand envelopes were printed for the Trego County Bank, J. H. March & Co., bankers. This house will be ready for business inside of a month, and, we doubt not, will be an institution of enterprise and high character. Mr. March has already made large business investments in Trego county, and is highly pleased with our country and our people.

Placards which were printed recently announced for sale the stock farm of N. Baylor, 12 miles southwest of Grainfield.

Posters were turned out week before last which presented to the public the news that G. W. Blackwill's high-bred Norman stallion is again in the field this season, and that home, Wa-Keeney, Collyer and places along the route will be his standing places.

Stebbins & Day, the land agents, have had printed the second thousand of their circulars, descriptive of this region.

Wagners & Grim have had letter heads, envelopes and bill heads printed this week. They are whole-souled men, and the buyer of their goods gets his money's worth.

L. A. Kempton, traveling man for Graves & Kempton's Chicago Comedy Company, billed the town last Monday, after having some printing done here. We take pleasure in calling attention to their bills, and saying that, in our judgment, the company is worth going to see and hear.

Lawrence & Hall, who know a good deal about the value of printer's ink, and patronize this office with great uniformity, have had a lot of the neatest kind of note heads printed this week.

Dr. Scott has had 1000 "Good for a Soda" tickets printed. That Arctic fountain of the doctor's is an embellishment to his establishment—a real beauty, we mean.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

The board of county commissioners of Trego county met in regular session on April 14 and 15, with all the members in attendance.

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

County treasurer's and county superintendent's reports were read and approved.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT.
To the honorable board of county commissioners of Trego county, Kansas, the following report for the quarter ending March 24, 1885, is respectfully submitted:

Receipts.
General revenue (taxes 1884) \$ 1785.20
General revenue, delinquent taxes..... 52.72
Sale of state school lands..... 2,597.60
Interest on school lands..... 123.12
County superintendent for normal fund..... 13.00
First semi-annual state dividend Bank of Kansas City interest on deposit..... 160.00
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1884..... 19,836.69
24,880.47

Disbursements.
School districts..... 2,518.80
Collyer township..... 59.13
City of Wa-Keeney..... 160.00
County superintendent orders on school land fund..... 982.80
State for taxes of 1884 refunded County..... 4.99

State treasurer tax fund..... 2,047.51
State treasurer school land sales..... 1,580.85
County warrants redeemed..... 1,520.71
Balance cash on hand..... 16,004.21
24,880.47

My ledger this day shows the different fund accounts to stand as follows:
Trego county school districts.

No.	DR.	CR.
1	\$ 682.40	\$ 988.31
2	412.30	797.68
3	122.48	125.72
Bond fd.	4	131.28
5	135.00	343.72
6		95.90
7		25.86
8	82.23	90.88
9	58.61	191.91
10	4.51	19.40
11		19.24
12	3.28	274.89
13	176.18	190.22
14	19.87	25.87
15		149.91
16	88.01	163.48
17	174.45	182.24
18	80.25	91.64
19	76.89	107.19
20	43.30	44.02
21		76.21
22	135.00	144.53
23	200.00	251.58
24	24.04	213.36

Gove county districts.
1 14.35
2 17.10
3 32.80
4 36.27
5 7.38
6 18.75
7 8.64

Gove township
Wa-Keeney township 45.00
Glencoe township 3.12
Collyer township 59.13
City of Wa-Keeney 160.00
County normal fund 29.85
County school fund 9.70
State school fund 335.79
State tax fund 2.07
State Permanent school fund 982.80
County tax fund 1,525.10
Total 5,588.69
21,587.90

Dated at Wa-Keeney the 26th day of March, 1885.

JAMES KELLY,
County Treasurer.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of March, 1885.

GEORGE PINKHAM,
County Clerk.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF COUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Quarter begins December 31, 1884; ends March 31, 1885.

TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS.

I. School visitation:

1. District schools visited this quarter, giving number of each district—District No. 14, 4, 3, 8 and 1.
2. Total number of visits—6.
3. Average length of time spent in actual school inspection—One day.
4. Number of written reports of such visits made to the district board—1.

II. Number of consultations with district boards—3.

1. At the time the district was visited—2.
2. In my office—1.

III. Number of days office has been kept open at county seat—13.

IV. Number of examinations of district clerk's records—2.

1. Number found kept as required by law—0.
2. Number found incorrectly kept—2.

V. Number of examinations of district treasurer's records—2.

1. Number found kept as required by law—1.
2. Number found incorrectly kept—1.

VI. Number of teachers' meetings attended—0, as follows:

1. Where held—
2. Date of each—

VII. Number of lectures delivered—0.

1. Before teachers' associations—
2. In school-district meetings—

VIII. Is the office supplied with record books suitable, or the records required by the existing law? No. Have no proper blank certificates. Have no proper office record book.

To the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Topeka, Kansas:

I hereby certify the above to be a correct statement of the work of this office, in the matters herein reported, for the quarter ending this day.

Dated at Wa-Keeney, this 30th day of March, 1885.

BEN C. RICH,
County Superintendent,
Trego County.

(Commissioner's proceedings to be concluded next week.)

—We have seen this week, at W. B. Kitchfield's, the memorials of the Masonic and Grand Army orders, as framed in gilt moulding. Their appearance is delicate and handsome.

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Agent for Trego and Gove Co's.